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§10–408.

- (a) In this section, “handgun” means a firearm:
  - (1) With a barrel length not exceeding 6 inches; and
  - (2) That does not have a scope or an electronic device attached.
- (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Department shall:
  - (i) Prescribe by regulation the means or weapons for hunting designated wildlife; and
  - (ii) Set forth any restrictions relating to weapons used to hunt designated wildlife, including the amount and size of ammunition for designated game birds or mammals.
- (2) The Department may not prohibit a licensed bow hunter from openly carrying a handgun that the hunter is otherwise authorized to carry under § 4–203 of the Criminal Law Article if the bow hunter:
  - (i) Is at least 21 years old;
  - (ii) Is hunting in deer management Region A as defined by the Department’s Guide to Hunting and Trapping;
  - (iii) Is carrying the handgun for personal protection; and
  - (iv) Does not use the handgun to kill wildlife wounded by a vertical bow or crossbow.
- (c) The Department shall make the regulations available for distribution with each hunting license purchased.
- (d) This section does not authorize the Department to restrict the use of firearms except in the activity of hunting designated wildlife.

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